

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto Senate Bill 389 because of the following reasons:

Part of this bill I approve of. The part that allows cities lying in two or more counties to hold local option liquor elections. The technicality which prevents this presently is that the county clerk must call and administer an option election and when a city is in two or more counties it is not clear which county clerk has authority. This bill would solve this problem by specifying that the city secretary and the governing body of the city can perform the functions usually performed by the county clerk in these types of elections.

The problem with the bill is it blindly validates all prior proceedings in connection with such elections; further, the validation clause contains no provision in reference to a specific election to be validated, but rather validates all elections or proceedings "at which the ballots were prepared".

The unrestricted validation of acts and proceedings unknown in scope or number may be an unjustified risk to the integrity of our traditional local option system and may pose the threat of considerable expense to local units of government as well as to the state. Therefore, I hereby veto Senate Bill 389.

Respectfully,

W. P. Clements
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor



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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Secretary of State